

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA**

**TERESA FORTIN,
LORENZO ESTRELLA and
IGNACIO FIGEROA,**

Plaintiffs,

VS.

**UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL
WORKERS, LOCAL NO. 271,**

Defendant.

8:07CV405

ORDER

This matter is before the court on the motion of Jerome Okolo to withdraw as counsel for the plaintiffs (Filing No. 22). Mr. Okolo states he is relocating out of state to pursue opportunities outside the practice of law. There is no indication in the motion whether Mr. Okolo spoke to his clients, nor does the certificate of service reflect it had been served on the plaintiffs. The court will afford the plaintiffs an opportunity to respond to the motion and/or obtain substitute counsel. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Jerome Okolo's motion to withdraw (Filing No. 22) held in abeyance.
2. The plaintiffs shall have to **on or before July 21, 2008**, to respond to the motion to withdraw by filing a brief with the Clerk of Court. If no response is received or if substitute counsel has entered an appearance by that date, the motion to withdraw will be granted. If the motion to withdraw is granted and substitute counsel has not entered an appearance, the plaintiffs will be considered proceeding *pro se* and counsel for the defendant may communicate with the plaintiffs directly regarding this case.
3. Jerome Okolo shall serve a copy of his motion and this order on the plaintiffs and file a certificate of such service with the court.

DATED this 20th day of June, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Thomas D. Thalken
United States Magistrate Judge